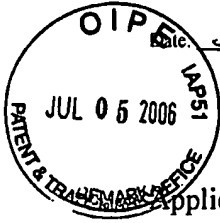


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued May 3, 2006, in connection with this application, please amend the above identified application without prejudice as follows.

The Examiner's objection to the Description of the Drawings has been noted, and the description of the figures has been amended as suggested by the Examiner for all of the necessary figures.